

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 13 to 16 are cancelled without prejudice to filing a divisional application thereon. Claims 17 to 21 are added and claims 1, 3, 7 and 11 are amended as set forth hereinafter.

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A ribbed V-belt comprising:

an elastomeric base body having a first side defining a plurality of ribs and a second side facing away from said first side;

5 an elastomeric cover layer;

a tension support layer interposed between said cover layer and said second side;

said ribs having an outer coating thereon ~~containing polymer and fibers~~ and said outer coating being tightly joined to said  
10 base body;

said outer coating being an elastomeric layer having a layer thickness of 0.15 to 0.25 mm; and,

said elastomeric layer being based on an interlaced rubber and containing at least fibers in combination with one of the

15 following: a fluoropolymer powder and/or powder, a powder of a non-ferrous metal and both of said fluoropolymer powder and said non-ferrous metal.

2. (Original) The ribbed V-belt of claim 1, wherein said layer thickness of said coating is 0.18 to 0.22 mm.

3. (Currently Amended) The ribbed V-belt of claim 1, wherein said fiber component in said outer ~~layer~~ coating is 20 to 100 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of rubber.

4. (Original) The ribbed V-belt of claim 1, wherein said fibers are polyimide fibers.

5. (Original) The ribbed V-belt of claim 1, wherein the component of said fluoropolymer powder in said outer coating is 10 to 100 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of rubber.

6. (Original) The ribbed V-belt of claim 1, wherein the component of said fluoropolymer powder in said outer coating is more than 50 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of rubber.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~The ribbed V-belt of claim 1, wherein~~  
A ribbed V-belt comprising:

an elastomeric base body having a first side defining a plurality of ribs and a second side facing away from said first side;

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an elastomeric cover layer;

a tension support layer interposed between said cover layer and said second side;

said ribs having an outer coating thereon and said outer

10 coating being tightly joined to said base body;

said outer coating being an elastomeric layer having a layer thickness of 0.15 to 0.25 mm;

said elastomeric layer being based on an interlaced rubber and containing at least fibers in combination with one of the following: a fluoropolymer powder, a powder of a non-ferrous metal and both of said fluoropolymer powder and said non-ferrous metal; and,

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the particles of said fluoropolymer powder have having a mean grain diameter of 2 to 20  $\mu\text{m}$ , a BET surface of 5 to 25  $\text{m}^2/\text{g}$  and a bulk weight of 100 to 400 g/L.

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8. (Original) The ribbed V-belt of claim 1, wherein the component of said powder of a non-ferrous metal in said outer coating is 50 to 100 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of rubber.

9. (Original) The ribbed V-belt of claim 1, wherein the particles of said powder of non-ferrous metal are ball-shaped, platelet-shaped or star-shaped and have a mean particle diameter of 10 to 80  $\mu\text{m}$ .

10. (Original) The ribbed V-belt of claim 1, wherein said powder of a non-ferrous metal is a copper powder.

11. (Currently Amended) The ribbed V-belt of claim 1, wherein said outer coating is based on the same rubber type or rubber types as said elastomeric base body to provide an optimal bonding

of said outer coating to said base body.

12. (Original) The ribbed V-belt of claim 1, wherein said outer coating differs with respect to color from said base body.

Claims 13 to 16 (Cancelled).

17. (New) The ribbed V-belt of claim 11, wherein said outer coating and said elastomeric base body are each based on chloroprene rubber (CR).

18. (New) The ribbed V-belt of claim 11, wherein said outer coating and said elastomeric base body are each based on ethylene-propylene diene rubber (EPDM).

19. (New) The ribbed V-belt of claim 11, wherein said outer coating and said elastomeric base body are each based on hydrated nitrile rubber (HNBR).

20. (New) The ribbed V-belt of claim 11, wherein said outer coating and said elastomeric base body are each based on a mixture of chloroprene rubber (CR), ethylene-propylene diene rubber (EPDM) and hydrated nitrile rubber (HNBR).

21. (New) A ribbed V-belt comprising:  
an elastomeric base body having a first side defining a plurality of ribs and a second side facing away from said first side;

5           an elastomeric cover layer;  
          a tension support layer interposed between said cover layer  
and said second side;  
          said ribs having an outer coating thereon and said outer  
coating being tightly joined to said base body;  
10           said outer coating being an elastomeric layer having a layer  
thickness of 0.15 to 0.25 mm; and,  
          said elastomeric layer being based on an interlaced rubber  
and containing at least fibers in combination with a material  
selected from the group consisting of a fluoropolymer powder, a  
15           powder of a non-ferrous metal and a mixture of said fluoropolymer  
powder and said non-ferrous metal.